

### **Reminder – Contact your MAC for their testing schedule**

Medicare Fee-For-Service has met the internal testing timeframes for implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 version 4010A1 to ASC X12 version 5010 and National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) version 5.1 to NCPDP version D.O. Therefore, beginning in January 2011 external testing may begin with trading partners.

Trading Partners should contact their local Medicare FFS contractor (often referred to as a MAC) for specific testing schedules. See <http://www.cms.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/> under downloads, to find a MFFS contractor in your state, or [find your operational MAC on this list](#).

Do not delay testing with your MAC as this could impact future claims processing. Test early and often with your MAC!